
LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The March meeting was held in the shop of Ed Shogan in Lake Charles with 31 persons attending. Our appreciation goes to Ed for hosting this event.

Upon the invitation of Mike Kent, we were joined by **Tom Strann of the County Agent's Office** who provided some additional information on the elimination of powder post beetles in lumber or fabricated items. Tom suggested that lumber be sprayed with either Lindane or Dursban. He also indicated that freezing small items would also destroy some larvae, particularly those found in tropical woods. As was discussed at the February meeting, heating the wood to 160F for two hours can also destroy the larvae but this step must be done with care to avoid shrink damage.

Ron Stowe announced that a new Artisans Gallery is being established in the former Abe's grocery on School Street. They are currently offering opportunities to craftsmen for displaying and selling their products. Ron's initial assessment was that the financial arrangements might not be satisfactory for individual participants. He will continue to explore the situation and advise us later, if the matter is worth pursuing for the Club. See: "The Outhouse", pg 2.

Dave Bruce, a recent new member, gave us an excellent demonstration on the use of the Leigh Dovetail Jig for making dovetail joints. This device represents a significant investment (\$335 for the jig plus another \$100, or so, for accessories) but was effective for doing quality work.

We understand that interest in dovetail jigs is high. There has been a previous demonstration and others have indicated that they have alternate devices, some considerably less expensive. Sounds

like we need to have a club seminar and demonstration with all the versions present. **What do you think? Call Jim Couvillion with your proposal (477-1228).**

John Perry showed a cabinet he recently completed. The top was one of the panels which he had sanded in his drum sander at our February meeting. The cabinet was also joined using pocket hole fastening, a technique which is becoming popular because of the ease of making tight joints in low stress applications (such as face frames).

Ed Shogan showed a small dresser which he currently is making. Interestingly, he is using piranha pine, a South American wood, which has good working characteristics and a grain pattern which makes it reasonably attractive for furniture items. At approx. \$2.49 per bd. ft., it is

NEXT MEETING

April 8, 1995, 9:00 am in the shop of

**Burl Vincent
2629 Laura Lane
Lake Charles, LA**

available from Builder's Save More in Lake Charles or Home Builders in Sulphur.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome to the Lake Charles Woodworkers Club A new member, **Bob Baker**, who joined at the March meeting.

SALES OUTLET (A repeat item)

Member Brian Willis and his wife, Pam, are the new owners of a gift & craft shop in Iowa, LA. Brian invites all Woodworkers' Club members to consider placing their goods in his shop on consignment. They will charge a 20% handling fee. If interested, please contact Brian or Pam at:

"The Outhouse"

104 South Thompson St., Iowa, LA
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NOTICE

MAY 19-21, 1995

**HOUSTON WOODWORKING SHOW
ASTROARENA, HALL B
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

WOOD HARDNESS

John Marcon provided the following which he found in the June/July issue of THE TEXAS CARVER.

The U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, Technical Bulletin #158 is most interesting because it gives an indirect approximation of the carving difficulty of various woods.

They have measured the hardness of wood by studying the property which makes the surface difficult to dent or scratch. The results are relative so one value twice as high as another would have twice the hardness and would be approximately twice as hard to carve. These are some of the values that are available from that bulletin.

Alder	48
Aspen	31
Basswood	31
Birch, Sweet	104
Butternut	40
Catalpa, Northern	43
Cherry, Black	72
Cottonwood, Eastern	36
Ebony (African)	258
Elm, American	66
Tupelo, Water	78
Hackberry	74
Hickory	142
Mahogany	76
Maple, Silver	65
Maple, Sugar	115
Myrtle	106
Oaks	109
Padauk	137
Pecan	142
Rosewood (Brazil)	153
Sycamore	66
Teak	99
Walnut (Black) American	88
Willow, Black	35
Zebrawood	125

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